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OPGS News

Free Service for Nonprofits. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS)* provides nonprofit and government representatives with funding information at its Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). This computer center provides access to funding databases, as well as the Internet. Staff is available to provide information on additional resources. The GIRC is located at John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 324. To schedule an appointment, contact Eric McIntyre at (202) 727-8900.

Federal Opportunities

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership For Children Program (HTPC). *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to stimulate innovative community-based programs that employ prevention strategies to promote access to health care for children and their families. The intent of HTPC general grants are to: support the development of family-centered, community-based initiatives that plan and implement innovative and cost-effective approaches for focusing resources to promote community defined preventive child health and developmental objectives for vulnerable children and their families, especially those with limited access to quality health services; foster/promote collaboration among community organizations, individuals, agencies, businesses, and families; involve pediatricians and other pediatric health professionals in community-based service programs; and build community and statewide partnerships among professionals in health, education, social services, government, and business to achieve self-sustaining programs to assure healthy children and families.

Eligibility: City or township governments, state governments, nonprofits, and faith- and community-based organizations.

Deadline: October 9, 2008.

Funds: \$550,000 is available to fund 11 awards up to \$50,000. A match is required.

Information: HRSA Call Center at callcenter@hrsa.gov; or go to:

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=5D819CA5-33F5-4B94-956C-8520345D0EEE&ViewMode=EU&GoB>.

GrantID: GD2996

District Opportunities

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

District Agency	Funding Opportunity	Deadline
Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)	FY 2008 Public School Physical Fitness Activities Grant	September 19, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.
Office of the Attorney General (OAG)	District of Columbia Poverty Lawyer Loan Assistance Repayment Program	September 22, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.
Serve DC	AmeriCorps*State Competitive Grants	October 31, 2008, At 5:00 p.m.
Office of the City Administrator (OCA) Justice Grants Administration (JGA)	Community-Based Violence Reduction Fund (CBVRF)	October 20, 2008
Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)	Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP)	Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

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Foundation Opportunities

Educational Support Grants. *National Education Association (NEA) Foundation* supports a variety of projects to improve student learning in America's public schools, colleges, and universities. The Foundation is now accepting applications for the following programs: Learning & Leadership grants provides support to educational professionals to engage in high-quality professional development and lead their colleagues in professional growth; and Student Achievement grants support projects to improve the academic achievement of students by engaging in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen knowledge of standard-based subject matter. This work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection.

Eligibility: Independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, and individuals.

Deadline: October 15, 2008.

Funds: Awards range from \$2,000-\$5,000.

Information: <http://www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm>.

GrantID: GD2992

Fair Election Projects 2008. *Mitchell Kapor Foundation* recognizes the importance of voting and the need to protect the utmost integrity of the electoral process. The Foundation is interested in work which addresses the following categories: Voter Participation, with a focus on implementing nonpartisan strategies to improve voter education and registration; and Election Protection, with a focus on ensuring that every eligible voter can vote and that every ballot cast is counted. For the remainder of 2008, the Foundation is only considering efforts that are national in scope.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: Open deadline date.

Funds: \$1,300,000 is available to fund awards ranging from \$25,000-\$50,000.

Information: Cedric Brown at cbrown@mkf.org; or go to: <http://www.mkf.org/votingaccess/index.html>.

GrantID: GD2995

Field Trip Grants. *Target* announces funds to support field trips for students. Grants may be used to fund trips to art museums, cultural events, civic experiences, and environmental sites.

Eligibility: Independent school districts, nonprofit organizations, and individuals.

Deadline: November 1, 2008.

Funds: 5,000 awards up to \$800.

Information: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-002537>.

GrantID: GD2993

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Projects. *The Corps Network* announces funds to support organizations that undertake service projects for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 19, 2009. The network will fund organizations that plan and implement service projects that mobilize a diverse group of volunteers to address conditions of poverty in their community. Preference is given to organizations mobilizing the greatest numbers of volunteers.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: September 23, 2008.

Funds: \$80,000 is available to fund 25 awards.

Information: <http://www.corpsnetwork.org/MLKDayofService.asp>.

GrantID: GD2991

Performing Arts Grant. *The Shubert Foundation* is dedicated to sustaining and advancing the live performing arts in the U.S., with a particular emphasis on theatre and a secondary focus on dance. The Foundation provides general operating support to professional resident theatre and dance companies, as well as some arts-related organizations to help support their development.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: October 15, 2008.

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Information: <http://www.shubertfoundation.org/default.asp>.

GrantID: GD2994

Announcements and Resources

Free Training Call: Nonprofit Marketing Basics. *Network for Good* is hosting a free training with Seth Godin. Mr. Godin has spent his career helping nonprofits find a way to stand out. On September 16, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., Mr. Godin will offer his advice directly to nonprofits during Network for Good's Nonprofit 911 teleconference series. Learn the tricks and common pitfalls of nonprofit marketing and get practical tips for creating messages that compel action. Meet Mr. Godin, and learn how and why to use these tips as part of your nonprofit organization's marketing fundraising plans. For further information and registration, go to:

<http://info.networkforgood.org/np911091608/>.

The Google Grants Program. *Google* is accepting applications from organizations throughout the U.S. that share the company's philosophy of community service, especially in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. Recipients are awarded in-kind advertising support and can use their award of Google's AdWords advertising to inform and engage their constituents online and raise the organization's awareness and increase traffic. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There is an open deadline date. For further information, go to: <http://www.google.com/grants/>.

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2009 SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards. *SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund* recognize outstanding efforts of students and teachers across the U.S. who work at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. Projects must be sponsored by a school group such as a grade level, classroom, or club. The deadline for applications is November 28, 2008. Approximately 8 projects will be selected and receive \$10,000; an all-expenses-paid trip for three students and one adult leader to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for a special awards event; 100 T-shirts to share with their school and community partners; and an award trophy and participation certificate for the project leader. For further information, go to: http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/projects_Awards.html.

Christian Leaders Sabbaticals. *The Louisville Institute* awards funds to Christian religious leaders in the U.S. who are seeking a time for study, reflection, and rest for the renewal of their vocations. The program requires leaders to center on a theme of concern, topic of study, or focus of reflection designed to nourish vocational identity and commitment, refresh body and spirit while renewing relationships, and rekindle habits of heart and mind that sustain one for and in ministry. Eligible applicants include Christian clergy, church staff members, denominational staff, and others regularly employed in positions of Christian pastoral leadership, ordained and lay. The deadline for applications is September 15, 2008. Approximately 40 awards ranging from \$10,000-\$15,000 are available. The application deadline is September 15, 2008. For further information, go to: <http://www.louisville-institute.org/Grants/programs/sgpldetail.aspx>.

Environmental Curricula Grants. *Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation's* mission is to support educators in developing environmental curricula that integrate field activities and classroom teaching that incorporate basic ecological principles and problem solving. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and individuals. The deadline for applications is September 27, 2008. Awards up to \$1,500 are available. For further information, go to: <http://www.mgaef.org/index.html>.

Outstanding Young Leaders Honored. *Nestle USA* honors young people between 13 and 18 years of age who have excelled in school and are making their community and the world a better place. Nominees should have strong backgrounds in citizenship, school, community involvement, and reading. Honorees will be featured in a special publication and honored at a ceremony in Los Angeles, CA, in the summer of 2009. The deadline to submit

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nominations is November 20, 2008. Approximately 25 awards for \$1,000 will be donated in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. For further information, go to: <http://www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com/>.

Partial Scholarships for Washington, DC Nonprofit Organizations. *The Foundation Center – DC* is offering partial scholarships to assist small, community-based nonprofit organizations in Washington, DC to attend its upcoming full-day training seminars. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations based in and serving the Washington, DC area with budgets under \$1,000,000. The application deadline is September 22, 2008, to attend any seminar (with the exception of the Grantseeker Training Institute) from November 2008 through January 2009. For further information, contact the Foundation Center – DC at (202) 331-1400.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. *Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals* honor middle and high school students for volunteer community service. Eligible applicants include any young person grades five through twelve who has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the twelve months prior to the date of application. Deadline for applications is October 31, 2008. Local honorees are selected in November, and from these winners, two state honorees are chosen from each state and the District of Columbia. Ten national honorees are selected and announced at a ceremony in Washington, DC, in May of 2009. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, DC, for national recognition events. National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.prudential.com/spirit/>.

Teach Award Program. *Best Buys* recognizes and rewards creative uses of interactive technology in K-12 classrooms. Winning programs focus on kids using technology to learn standard-based curriculum, rather than on teaching students to use technology or educators using technology that children aren't able to use hands-on. Eligible applicants include nonprofit K-12 public, private, parochial, magnet, and charter schools. The deadline for applications is October 12, 2008. Awards range from \$1,000-\$10,000. For further information, go to: <https://bestbuyteach.scholarshipamerica.org/>.

Teacher Grants. *The School, Home, & Office Products Association Kids In Need Foundation* announces funds to support K-12 educators with providing innovative learning opportunities for their students. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2008. Awards range from \$100-\$500. For further information, go to: <http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/index.php>.

The City Recycling Challenge. *The U.S. Conference of Mayors* is accepting applications to reward cities for recycling aluminum beverage cans. Cities will compete against like-sized cities in four divisions determined by population. The following types of awards are being offered: Most Cans Collected awards will be presented to the city in each division that collects the most recyclable aluminum beverage cans between October 1 and October 31, 2008; Most Innovative Ideas awards will be presented to one city in each division for developing the most exciting ideas to promote aluminum beverage can recycling in their community; and Partner with Local Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Affiliate awards recognize cities that partner with their local KAB organization to create the most sustainable aluminum beverage can recycling initiative. The deadline to enroll is September 30, 2008. Awards range from \$2,500-\$5,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.cans4cash.com/cansforcash/default.aspx>.

Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's Tylenol National Child Care Teacher Awards. *The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation* acknowledges the critical role of child care teachers in providing quality early care and education. Child care teachers from all fifty states and the District of Columbia will be selected for their commitment and dedication to the children they serve. Each applicant is asked to design an enhancement project for the children in their classroom illustrating the educational, social, and emotional benefits of the project. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2008. Approximately 50 awardees will receive \$500 - \$1000 as a stipend acknowledging each child care teacher's special dedication and \$500 to fund the classroom enhancement project they designed. One recipient will receive the Helene Marks Award and an additional \$1,000. Winners will be honored at an awards ceremony in Pennsylvania on April 1, 2009. For further information, go to: http://www.tllccf.org/pr_nccta.php.

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All About Grants. *Grants.gov* announces its All About Grants page; a new applicant resource featuring content and information from all 26 federal grant-making agencies, affiliated grant associations and the applicant community. This section of the website is focused on keeping the applicant up to date with grant information relevant to the applicant's needs, by providing a "tip of the month", webinars, events, tips and resources from grantors, articles and resources, and a listing of affiliated grant associations and organizations. For further information, go to: http://grants.gov/applicants/all_about_grants.jsp.

Effective Practices for Engaging At-Risk Youth in Service. *Youth Service America* announces a new publication designed to provide an overview of the underlying theory and effective practices for promoting service-learning for young people. Public officials, youth service and service-learning practitioners and teachers, researchers, and others whose mission is to plan and implement community service programs for youth will find this guide helpful. To review and download a copy, go to: http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/modules/Engaging_At-Risk_Youth_in_Service.pdf.

Innovations in Effective Compassion. *White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives* recently updated its Innovations in Effective Compassion Web site. On the site, you can explore ways the Faith-Based and Community Initiative has transformed government's approach to addressing human need, how nonprofits have been strengthened, and how faith-based and community groups have partnered with government to bring both help and hope to millions in need across America and beyond. The site includes a wealth of research, evaluations, practical tools, and other resources. For more information, go to: www.innovationincompassion.hhs.gov.

New IRS 403(b) Requirements. *Mike Sorrells from Cherry, Bekaert, & Holland, L.L.P* provides a brief overview of the preparations needed to meet the new IRS 403 (b) requirements. The new IRS reporting and compliance regulations for 403(b) retirement plans will take effect on January 1, 2009. Most tax exempt employers and employees are aware that the 403(b) plan offers a significant vehicle for retirement savings. Unlike the 401(k) plan commonly used in the for-profit environment, 403(b) arrangements have never been regulated or subject to the same level of scrutiny by the government. However, this will soon change. For plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, 403(b) plans that are subject to ERISA will need to comply with the same annual reporting requirements as other tax advantaged (qualified) plans. For further information, go to: <http://www.cbh.com/bulletin-403bplan.php>.

Volunteering in American. *Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS)* announces a website initiative that provides an in-depth look at volunteering trends, statistics, tools, and resources throughout the U.S. The website provides insight into who is volunteering, what types of volunteer activities they're doing, and what motivates them to begin and sustain their service. Comprehensive information on volunteering in all 50 states and 162 cities across the country is provided. Users can assess how states and cities rank by volunteer rates and volunteer hours, as well as other factors related to volunteering. For further information, go to: <http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/>.

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